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New Traffic Pattern on Inbound Kennedy Expressway from O'Hare Airport to Harlem Avenue

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) announced that construction will resume on the inbound Kennedy Expressway (eastbound Interstate 190 and Interstate 90) from O'Hare Airport to Harlem Avenue, in Chicago, as part of the ongoing improvements to the Kennedy, beginning, weather permitting, Saturday, March 25. The new configuration is required for two projects which include resurfacing and the addition of a new lane on the eastbound Kennedy, as well as the construction of the new Cumberland flyover ramp.

Starting Saturday, a new traffic pattern will take place on the inbound Kennedy between O'Hare Airport and Harlem Avenue. The new traffic pattern includes narrow lanes, lane shifts and closed shoulders.

The flyover will connect the eastbound Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (Interstate 90) to Cumberland Avenue, in Chicago, spanning the CTA Blue Line and eastbound Interstate 190. When complete in Fall 2018, it will enhance safety and reduce congestion for motorists at the eastbound I-90 and I-190 merge, as well as vehicles exiting on Cumberland Avenue.

The improvement project along the eastbound Kennedy include construction of an additional lane along inbound I-90 from Cumberland Avenue to Harlem Avenue, as well as the installation of new retaining walls and lighting.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to flaggers and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits and be on the alert for workers and equipment.

Click <u>here</u> to find details on other construction projects in IDOT's District 1. Updates on the impacts to traffic are available at www.travelmidwest.com